Grand Gulph State of Mississippi
August 21th 1831

Dear Father

Yours of date and James of
I recived a few days ago
March 13th 1831, which gave me much
pleshure to heare you were all well, altho
it is not exactly so with me, I have
not been able to travel any distance since
Last August that I got one of my Legs hurt
in the Chace by a Caine, it got well some
time ago, When I got poisond with the
Rhus Radicans or Radicohendron but I am
geting so that I can walk about a litle
— I have had my heath better of Late
than I have had, had for many year
yet the Country is reather sickly at
this time — I have no news of much
importance to tell you, only my being
so long Lame has been the Cause of my
Spending a great dale of Money which
I might have saved, still I have got
some left, and Just making arrangements
to commence traficking again

yaw wished me to give yaw same account of the Religiaus state of the cauntry - well then it is this - we have all the different Sects that are in Europe - and same m= a Methadist - In fort Gibsan there are a Presbeterian and an Epescapalian meeping hau and many mare in the same caunty; so if the peaple are not religiaus it is not far want of preaching ———

Had I been able to have gane to Mexico last year I shawald have sent yaw same pla=nts frame the mauntains where they graw amangst the snaw, where they are sufficently hardy to live aut of doors in Scatland, I am not very sertain but I will go to that cauntry, in the sp=ring of next year if I am spaired in health ——— Fort Gibson is 8 miles fram Grand Gulf an the Missisip which is 350 miles above New Orelans by watter ——— there are very few rare plants Just in this neighbaurhood: but

I knaw of several in this State which
I think is new — I will try to procure
same of them as soon as I can. I have
allmast gat aut of the Knallage of plants
far same years back — I have [illegible] thing
of any mament to write at this time give
my best respects to my Mather, Brathers
& Sisters tell them I would like to see
them very well, in this wareld, but far better
in the wareld to came — I may take a
Kaes [illegible] to vizit yaw befare very lang [illegible]
it is nat very certain — yaw must
write me an recept of this. Let me
knaw where John Goldie is — James requ-
-ested to knaw if I was maried Tell him I am
nat. and that is nat the warst of it. nat like to
be — no more at present but

remains yawr affectionate
San till Death
Robert Smith



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